

**P-20 Council
Steering Committee Meeting
April 9, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room A, Phoenix, AZ
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Committee Members

Present: Dr. Rufus Glasper, Dr. Karen Nicodemus (telephonic), Dr. Sybil Francis (telephonic), Dr. Jim Zaharis, and Susan Carlson (telephonic).

Staff Present: Lauren Kielsmeier, Darcy Renfro, Debra Raeder, Erin Hart, and Claire Parriott, and Eva Lester of the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Rufus Glasper called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. It was noted that Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Sybil Francis and Susan Carlson were attending telephonically.

2. Review/Discussion-Work of the Committees Update

a. Steering Committee:

Staff reviewed the amended Executive Order and membership for the P-20 Council. New member positions have been created and the Governor's Office is currently interviewing applicants. A new member orientation will be held on May 8, 2008. A new ad hoc committee on Early Childhood has been formed. Rhian Evans-Allvin has been selected to chair the committee and Eva Lester (Early Childhood Policy Advisor) will provide staff support. Staff updated the committee on the Centennial Scholars and State Board for Community Colleges legislation. Staff also reviewed the agenda for the June 19, 2008 Council meeting.

b. Higher Education Committee: Work continues on developing recommendations for a cohesive higher education system in Arizona. To date, the Committee has reviewed issues concerning expanding collaborative agreements, enhancing transfer and articulation, and looking at the creation of university centers. The Committee will study the issue of allowing community colleges to provide expanded degrees in limited situations at their next meeting.

c. Communications Committee: Work continues on the coordinated communications plan. The committee is engaging in additional fundraising to support the communications plan. It is anticipated that the plan will be launched in early fall.

d. Data and Graduation Committee: HB 2787, the Teacher ID bill, has passed through the House K-12 Committee and has been sent to the Senate K-12 Committee. Arizona will apply for the America's Promise Dropout Prevention Initiative that will fund the implementation of a statewide summit. The Deadline is April 21, 2008.

e. Education Alignment and Assessment Committee: Dr. Nicodemus provided a brief overview of "the next steps" recommendations that she prepared for consideration by the SBE. Governor's staff, staff of the State Board of Education and the Arizona Board of Regents, Dr. Nicodemus and others have met to discuss next steps in providing pathways that ensure students are ready to enter postsecondary education and the workforce, including a centennial diploma. Future meetings needed to continue these discussions as well as to discuss assessments that measure readiness for credit bearing coursework.

f. Education Workforce Pathways Committee- Work continues with ADE regarding a crosswalk of academic and CTE standards of three CTE courses by August 2008. The Education Career Action Plan (ECAP) rule language was approved by the SBE in

February of 2008 and will be required for high school students, beginning with the class of 2013.

3. Next Steps

A data update will be added to the agenda of the June full Council meeting. Committee members asked staff to consider a fall retreat for the Council.

4. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the public to address the Committee.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Rufus Glasper at 3:40 pm.